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The Senate yesterday rescinded the resolution appointing a Commission to Southern Kentucky; but, apart from this very judicious action, the Legislature consumed the day in nibbling at the artificial flies with which the emissaries of Tennessee are allowed to fish in our loyal waters. This incomprehensible trifling is to be deeply regretted. It is insufferable. The majority of the present Legislature of Kentucky are undoubtedly men of ability and of high and generous impulses; but they act in relation to the present exigency in the State as if their heads were filled with lead instead of brains and their veins with water instead of blood.

THE LEGISLATURE OF KENTUCKY.—The tolls, which the treachery of John C. Breckinridge, Gov. Magoffin, Gen. Buckner, and others of that school have been weaving for the State which has trusted them ruinously, have culminated in the canons of hell. It is most abominable.

For months past, there have been Confederate armies all along the line between Tennessee and Kentucky, the avowed object being to watch the movements in our State and make an incursion into it and take possession of its strong points the moment such a step should seem necessary or expedient. The expense of those armies has been borne not by our neighboring State in which they have been established but by the Southern Confederacy. Their presence has caused heavy amounts of money to flow into Tennessee. It would have been madness for us of Kentucky to remain unprepared whilst threatening hosts were thus hanging upon her very ready for the work of devastation and subjugation. And it is not to be expected of her that she would maintain at her own expense armies numerous enough and powerful enough to confront successfully the forces sustained upon the Tennessee by the Confederate Government. Our people or a portion of them, native Kentuckians and Kentuckians by adoption, though proper to organize for self-defense at the expense of the Government to which they are pledged, and, in doing this, they proclaimed authoritatively that they contemplated no invasion of any State, whatever, no aggression upon the rights of any section or any party or individual, that their whole purpose was to stand upon their own soil and protect themselves and their loyal fellow-citizens.

To charge that the Kentucky troops, that have organized under these circumstances and with this view, have thereby committed any violation of the loyal neutrality of the State or any wrong upon Tennessee or the Confederate States, is absurd. It is worse—it is a falsehood. The Confederate troops have invaded Kentucky and seized our towns, but when they allege that they have done this because Kentucky has violated her neutrality or permitted a violation of it, they are guilty of the most outrageous hypocrisy. Their invasion of Kentucky is without justification, palliation, or excuse. If Kentucky were to submit to it, her name would be a word of scorn upon the lips of men. She will not submit to it. She will, if the odds of war are in her favor, sweep the invader from her soil as if her very breath were a whirlwind of flame. The foul pollution of an invader's foot is upon her, and no son of hers will rest until that pollution remains. More than fifty thousand swords, if need be, will leap into the air to repel and avenge the atrocious wrong and insult.

This is the first invasion of Kentucky by the army of a hostile Government. If Kentucky in this exigency proves herself to be what the whole world believes her to be, the pernicious experiment of invasion will never be repeated till the memory of current events shall have passed from the minds of men. And it is strange, it is passing strange, that, even in the present crisis of Kentucky's destiny, when her power and her old renown are at stake, there are people within her borders, eating themselves their sins, whose hearts and weapons are in the cause of her insolent invaders! They deserve to be transfixed with the keenest arrows of the vengeance of earth and heaven.

THE LEADERS OF THE STATE.—The Louisville New Herald sneers at Mr. Holt, the great patriotic orator, and asks why he doesn't shoulder his musket instead of talking. Why doesn't the Editor shoulder his musket instead of writing? Does he flatter himself that his pen is a hundredth part as effective as Mr. Holt's tongue?

There is no longer room, occasion, nor reason for two parties in this Commonwealth. This renowned State never trailed its honors in the dust, nor will she now permit it to be done.

The Commonwealth has a right to require that every citizen shall rally under the banner which the people have for eighty-five years sustained in the battle-field, upon Lake Erie, and in the councils of the nation. The battle which Shelly, Scott, Madison, Allen, Adler, Dudley, and the Johnsons fought and bled for, and which they fell in their highest honor to serve, is this day as much the banner of Kentucky as it has been at any hour of her history. Every Kentuckian is bound now, by every instinct of patriotism, by every tie of honor, by every principle of duty, to stand by his State. He can have no excuse for even hesitating in this duty. His part of fidelity, of truth, of honor, is as plain as a sunbeam can make anything. Other people have been bewailed and ruined in, to them, the dubious relations of National and State allegiance, but a Kentuckian has no excuse of this kind. His State has never swerved from the path she has occupied for eighty-five years, nor will she permit any of her people to swerve from this well-born and faithful path. Those of her people who are not with her are against her. Those of her sons, as are found adhering to the authors of the invasion of her territory, belong to the category that Kentucky history has assigned to the infamous Sir Glynn. There can be no further parleying with this treason against Kentucky. While she is fighting for existence, for her liberties, her Constitution, her laws, her treasury, to say nothing of her honor, she cannot and will not tolerate in her midst the presence of the instigators, the abettors and abettors of her invasion. The time has come for action, the soil of Kentucky has purged itself of the enemies who have come to inaugurate such a condition here in the midst of our peace and prosperity, as their kindred invaders have inaugurated among the unhappy people of Missouri. Tires is no telling at what moment our peace of citizens, their wives and children, may be precipitated instantly into slavery, as a holocaust to the demoniac malignity of secession. Kentucky can no longer tolerate the advocates of this line of policy. They have had their day, and the mantle of many must be speedily spread over them. They must range themselves under the orders of the legal authorities of the State and do their full share towards retrieving the territory of Kentucky from the presence of every traitor but to all the dictates of humanity!

THE Frankfort Yeoman of yesterday, in an article entitled "THE INVASION OF KENTUCKY," says:

"Gov. Harris of Tennessee, telegraphed to Gov. Polk, that the movement of the Legislature was in course of being organized to meet in Nashville, and that he had telegraphed President Davis, and that he had telegraphed Secretary of War, that the occupation of Columbus was a military necessity, because the Federal troops had been so recently informed, that they would be compelled instantly to enter Kentucky, as a holocaust to the demoniac malignity of secession."

This statement contains two points of some importance; namely, first, that the invasion of Kentucky by the Confederate troops was made without regard to the pretended violation of our neutrality by the Federal Government, and, secondly, that the Confederate authorities approve the invasion and adopt it as their own. It is thus admitted not only that the invasion is by authority but that it is unprovoked.

The invasion is acknowledged to be a wanton and the Confederate authorities declare themselves responsible for it. They have according to their own account deliberately dragged Kentucky into the war. Now, let Kentucky give them war to the knife. Kentuckians we invoke you to rally as one man to the defense of your hearthstones and your honor. You have been cautious of "entrance" to this "quarrel," but, being in,

According to the Courier, their horses have been nothing but violations of Kentucky neutrality by the U. S. authorities for many months past. The why did the Courier, not more than two weeks ago, tell what terrible things would instantly take place? "If Kentucky neutrality should be violated?" Doesn't the Courier manifestly stuffify itself?

THE Cincinnati Gazette says that Gen. Fremont could not make such a proclamation as the Louisville Journal would have him make. If he were to adopt in Missouri the policy that the U. S. Generals have adopted in Virginia, we should be satisfied. Is the policy of our Generals in Virginia wrong?

There are men among us, who, whilst Kentucky is rising up to drive back the invaders of her soil, take part with her invaders. They are traitors. They are steeped in treason to the lips. The curse of every honest man should fall upon them.

The fury cross is spreading from hill to hill and from mountain to mountain through out Kentucky. Thousands and tens of thousands, at sight of the blazing signal, will rush to the defense of the State's and the country's banner.

Let no man, who fathers in duty to Kentucky now, ever dare to call himself a Kentuckian again. The name should blister his tongue and lips like a coal of fire.

There is war in Kentucky, but by no fault of the Union men, and by no fault of the U. S. Government. The Union men have done everything in their power to keep peace, and of her neutrality which they had secured, and the most contemptible of these occurred one of our largest and most populous cities, from which a military commander has issued a proclamation, &c.—*Editor.*

We copy this paragraph simply to show how utterly destitute the disunion organ is of every semblance of fairness and truth. The Confederate troops from Tennessee, strong in numbers, seized the town of Hickman, and the bluffs near Columbus and commenced throwing up fortifications at both points, and were marching in force upon Paducah, where the secessionists had raised a hundred flags to greet their arrival which was hourly expected, when Gen. Grant stepped in from Cairo and took possession of the city. And the Courier would make its readers think that the Confederate movement is a question were a mere trifles, a matter of no consequence, an affair not worth bestowing a thought on, no violation at all of Kentucky's neutrality, but, that the marching of the Grant to Paducah just in time to be repelled, so that the popular mind may be muddled to entitle the hellish schemes of disunionists and traitors, Kentuckians! "Awake, arise, or be forever fallen!"

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